

Dear Sirs&Ma'ams

I would like to add to my previous comments because I had a chance to see a part of proposed drafts regarding "Comfort Women" for the textbook of state schools.

Proposed drafts are written based on the hearsay. Are you sure you are going to teach youngsters hearsay as if it is a fact?

You are bringing a controversial political issue into a US educational world.

Best regards,

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Dear Sirs&Ma'ams

I recently learned that the anti-Japanese activists' body of KAFC(Korean American Forum of California) has been pushing hard to cover the issue of *Comfort Women* in California's high-school textbook as the worst human-trafficking case in the 20th century or as the case of victimizing 400,000 women and children during World War II.

First of all, I would like to ask them where there are evidences to support their arguments. Alongside the statue of comfort woman which now erected in some places, there are words engraved saying some 200,000 women captured and forced into brothels. 200,000 all of a sudden jumped to 400,000? For whatever reasons they may be, there are no hard evidences.

In 2007, Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group in US Government finished their 8-YEAR search. Their findings were compiled in 8,500,000 pages and 142,000 pages of those are related to war crimes by Japanese armies. However, they found no evidence that Japanese Imperial Army was organizationally involved in forcing ordinary women into so-called "Comfort Women." If they claim the case of comfort women is the worst human trafficking case, why did they fail in presenting the evidence? Because it was not the human trafficking case and therefore, there were no evidences for it. To me they certainly are a historical revisionist.

Before World War II ended In 1944, US military interviewed 20 Korean comfort women in Myanmar. This was documented and kept in the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C. It says that those comfort women were employed by private people (normally Korean), had right to refuse customers, had freedom to go out of facilities for shopping. Also, there was a book published by one of ex-comfort woman (Sorry, but I can not provide exact name of the book nor name of the author at this moment). She wrote in the book that she sent money to her parents in Korea to build a house! What I want to say here is that there was nowhere near the conditions of sex slavery!!

To be fair, I would like to explain one issue which took place in southeast Asia. Some Japanese soldiers captured some Dutch girls or women and forced them to serve in a brothel during the wartime. However, a high-rank officer found this out and immediately the facility was closed down. All soldiers involved in this were all executed to death after the war because it was a war crime.

Last June in 2015, 122 ex-Korean Military Comfort Women SUEDE Korean government for the reparation by the state for their physical and mental damages they received during Korean Peninsula War. They claimed that they were kept under severe control of the Korean government and were selling sex to American soldiers in confined facilities near bases during Korean Peninsula War 1950–1953. They were known for long in Korea because there are many evidences including a document signed by then-president. However, they have never been talked about openly and never been treated equally with other “Comfort Women for Japanese military” by Korean government.

If the anti-Japanese activist bodies like KAFC claim the issue of “Comfort Women” is an issue of violating women’s human rights, why haven’t they treated those 122 ex-Korean Military Comfort Women for American same way as other “Comfort Women” for Japanese? Is it because they think it is not the issue of women’s human right when for American soldiers?

No, the truth is that they do not think it is an issue of women’s human rights, but that they are interested in raising an anti-Japanese propaganda.

There are many evidences found that Korean private sector tried to employ Korean girls as comfort women. However, those Koreans never been hunted or executed by Koreans to date in the light of the abuse of human rights.

The first comfort woman who sued Japanese government for the compensation confessed later in her testimony that she was originally sold by her father to one of brothels. However, what other comfort women claimed happened to them have never been testified in ANY way so far.

Education is very important. It often times works as a brain wash. Though it is false, it is taught as a truth, it become true. You are planting a wrong message. You will affect a relationship between US and Japan 30–50 years later.

Yours truly,

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